

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
November 8, 2023, 7:00PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano Glassner called the November 8, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Serrano Glassner led a moment of silence and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham was published in the Daily Record and Star Ledger, posted in the Phoenix House, and was filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Official action will be taken at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

Mayor Serrano Glassner
Council President Brennan Reilly
Council Member Marilyn Althoff
Council Member Steve Andrew
Council Member John Andrews
Council Member James Kelly
Council Member Neil Sullivan

Also present were:

Dawn Sullivan, Esq., Senior Associate, Dorsey & Semrau, LLC
Lauren McBride, Acting Borough Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes:** October 23, 2023
2. **Banner Application:** Holly Trail Banner, 11/23-12/02/23

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Sullivan
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrew, Andrews
Nays: None
Recue from minutes: Reilly

Discussion Items

The council agreed to change meeting date change from Monday November 27th to Wednesday November 29th.

Presentation

Bud Jones of NISIVOCCIA gave an overview of the IBank Bonding for the \$1,475,000 for the improvement to the sanitary sewerage system. Answering any questions from the Council.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

#14-2023 BOND ORDINANCE MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,475,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN AND BY THE BOROUGH HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,475,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Motion to Table: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Sullivan
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#15-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ARTICLE XVII, RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING ONLY, OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

ORDINANCE FOR FINAL ADOPTION

#12-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 155, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ADD REQUIREMENTS FOR BACKYARD WEED CONTROL AND SCREENING OF STORED ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened public comment.

Melissa Rawley-Payne of 23 Drake Rd suggested Council should rethink passing this Ordinance. Suggested Council should look to the National Wildlife Federations Guide to Passing Wildlife-Friendly Property Maintenance Ordinances.

Anthony Payne of 23 Drake Rd was concerned over what is considered undeveloped land.

Priscilla Beck of 23 Drake Rd stated that local government should not be involved in defining what is a weed. She questioned if there is a problem with weeds in Mendham.

Mark Van Den Hende of 11 Coventry Rd stated that section two of the Ordinance regarding heavy equipment was inconsistent with the Ordinance.

Frank Lupo of 17 Dean Rd would like clarification of the term inoperable heavy equipment. What is Inoperable?

Motion to Table: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#13-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 168, SEWERAGE SYSTEM, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO MODIFY CERTAIN EXCESS SEWER RATE AND BILLING LANGUAGE

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTIONS

#146-2023 RESOLUTION EXTENDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY ZONING CODE OFFICIAL SERVICES THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#147-2023 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 3739 DELAYING THE FOURTH ROUND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS FROM JULY 1, 2025 TO JULY 1, 2028

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Sullivan reported the Borough would participate in Operation Take Back again in April 2024. Police Chief John Camoia reported that Lieutenant Pirillo was being honored for handling a child in crisis with autism. He will participate in an Autism Round Table to discuss training for law enforcement.

Recreation [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Reilly reported there are plans for a meeting with the Baseball Little League and the Recreation Committee.

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly had nothing to report.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews reported that the Pastime Club will celebrate Veteran's Day on Friday, 11/10 between 5 pm- 8 pm.

Land Use [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew stated that the Land Use Board will meet on 11/21/2023.

Public Works/ Sewer [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Althoff had nothing to report.

Attorney Report

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

The mayor reported that the Holly Trail will be on December 2nd, 2023. She gave her congratulations to newly elected Council Member Marilyn Althoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened public comment.

No one from the public wished to speak.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills list dated November 6, 2023

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Sullivan
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Recuse: Andrews from any First Aid payments

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren McBride
Lauren McBride, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Mendham